

**Minutes of the Jasper Community Arts Commission  
City of Jasper, Indiana  
August 2, 2016**

The regular meeting of the Jasper Community Arts Commission was held at 4:30 p.m. on Tuesday, August 2, 2016, in the Council Chambers at City Hall. Roll call was held with the following **Commission Members Present:** Mike Jones, Pat Thyen, Gary Moeller, Linda Kahle, Becky Hickman, Jay Hamlin, Beth Seidl, Sherry Monesmith, Darla Blazey and Kyle Rupert. **Commission Members Absent:** Selena Vonderheide: **Staff Members Present:** Kit Miracle, Doreen Lechner, Karen Grewe, Corina Mack, Emily Colucci and Donna Schepers. **City Attorney:** Renée Kabrick **Guests in attendance:** Herald Reporter Candy Neal and WJTS TV reporter Prisma Lopez-Marin. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

**Approval of Minutes**

**Gary Moeller** moved to approve the minutes of the July meeting. **Sherry Monesmith** seconded. Motion passed 9-0.

**City Financial Statement**

**Linda Kahle** moved to approve the claims and financial statement as presented. **Gary Moeller** seconded. Motion passed 9-0.

**Public Business**

None.

**COMMITTEE REPORTS**

**Director's Report/Performing Arts**

Kit reported.

- Technical assistant Steven Nelson has resigned. Kit asked for permission to hire a replacement. **Mike Jones** moved to allow a replacement to be hired. **Beth Seidl** seconded. Motion passed 9-0.

*At 4:36 p.m. Kyle Rupert arrived at the meeting.*

**Building and Structure Report**

Doreen reported.

The roofing project will probably start tomorrow.

A question was asked about the qualifications for the Technical Assistant position. Doreen responded that lighting and sound background is particularly helpful.

**Education Report**

Donna reported.

- School starts next week, and she has been visiting with teachers and principals.
- Two schools have requested information about the regional Christmas school show.
- She has been working with the GA team on the Strassenfest float. Ruxer Ford has volunteered to put a clear coat on the bison. Thank you to GA and Ruxer Ford.

**Visual Arts Report**

Emily reported.

- The Dubois County Art Guild was the exhibitor last month in the gallery. Several pieces were sold.
- The new show was hung today. All exhibitors are local for Indiana's Bicentennial celebration.
- First Thursday reception will be next Thursday due to Strassenfest starting this Thursday.
- Our summer intern got to help with her first birthday party. It was a dance party and went well.

- ARTventures classes are complete for this summer.
- Work has started on setting up fall art classes.

### **Project Coordinator Report**

Corina reported.

- The Touch-a-Truck event was a great success. Many people attended. The stand-in created by the Arts Center staff for the event was very nice.
- The mural is scheduled to start on September 19<sup>th</sup>. The JAC received a grant for \$1500 from the Dubois County Community Foundation. The grant will cover the cost of supplies. A question was asked about volunteers. The Artist will give direction on the number of volunteers and their duties.

### **Old Business**

- Jay Hamlin reported that the Next Act received a \$400,000 grant from the Office of Community and Rural Affairs (OCRA) with a \$200,000 match requirement. This will be used for the exterior of the Astra. Other grants are in the works for the interior and the marquee. Several events will be held at the Astra in August and October before the exterior work begins.
- Renée Kabrick reported two concepts for the Cultural Center have been tweaked into one design. The City is waiting on cost estimates for the design. A question was asked about a handout with key talking points regarding the project. Two handouts are being developed; one for the referendum and one for Jasper LEADS.
- The Chamber of Commerce annual luncheon on September 29<sup>th</sup> will include a 'Just the Facts' presentation on the Cultural Center.
- Some additional survey work at the Cultural Center site, mostly topographic work, needs to be completed and will be an additional cost not to exceed \$6000. This cost will be split between the library and the JCAC building fund. Renée asked for the board to approve this expenditure. **Gary Moeller** moved to allow the expenditure up to \$3000 for the survey work. **Kyle Rupert** seconded. Motion passed 10-0.
- Linda Kahle reported Jasper LEADS has donation pledges of \$1,200,000 toward the \$1,700,000 match for the Cultural Center.

### **New Business**

- Linda Kahle reported Italian artist Guglielmo Botter was in Jasper for 3 days sketching and taking photos for work he will include as part of the Krempp Gallery exhibit in November 2017.

### **Adjournment**

**Darla Blazey** moved to adjourn the meeting at 5:05 p.m. **Jay Hamlin** seconded. Motion passed 10-0.

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Mike Jones

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Attested